

Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge

Public deer hunting by shotgun, muzzleloading rifle/shotgun, and bow is permitted on the Refuge on hunting dates listed below and on hunting areas shown on the map. A signed Refuge hunt permit and a valid State hunting license shall be carried when hunting deer on the Refuge. No reservations are required and hunters may select sites and hunt anywhere within the designated hunting areas.

Youth

Youth hunters (under age 16) may participate in any hunt provided they have passed a State-approved hunter safety course and are accompanied by an adult who is at least 21 years of age. Each adult may supervise only one youth. The adult must carry a valid State hunting license and a signed Refuge hunt permit when supervising a youth hunter.

Hunters with Disabilities

Hunting opportunities are available for disabled hunters. Please call the Refuge Office for information and to make advanced arrangements.

Access

Hunting areas may be accessed by foot, bicycle, boat, and vehicle only from 5:00 am to 8:00 pm. No access to hunting areas is permitted before 5:00 am on hunting dates. Vehicles are restricted to gravel roads. Parking is permitted on road shoulders.

Hunting Dates

See map for specific hunt dates for each area.

September 12-14
October 3-5, 24-26
November 14-16
December 5-7

Two deer, either sex, may be taken daily in North Carolina. In Virginia two deer may be taken daily, see State regulations for sex restrictions. All state regulations for big game hunting, including the wearing of blaze orange, shall apply. Only portable deer stands are permitted. All deer taken must be checked-in by a refuge employee **or** (1) if taken in North Carolina, checked-in at the Knotts Island Store or (2) if taken in Virginia, checked-in at an authorized deer checking station.

General Regulations and Enforcement

All hunters are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, tags, hunting equipment, bag limits, boats, vehicles, and their contents during compliance checks by Refuge Officers, North Carolina Wildlife Officers, Virginia Wildlife Officers, and any state or local law enforcement officer.

Violation of any Refuge regulation may result in the cancellation of your hunt permit and prosecution in Federal court. It is your responsibility to be familiar with all applicable Refuge and State deer hunting regulations before hunting on the Refuge. If you have a question concerning any Refuge regulation, please call the Refuge Office.

Use of ATV's and any other unlicensed and unregistered vehicles.

Driving vehicles off-road, on dikes, and in fields.

Possessing a loaded firearm in a vehicle or boat.

Carrying a loaded firearm or bow on or within 50 feet of dikes and roads. Shooting from a vehicle or shooting on or across roads or roadways.

Hunting outside of designated areas shown on the map or within 300 feet of the Refuge Office.

Use of nails, bolts, or screws to attach portable stands to trees. Use of nail-, bolt-, or screw-type steps.

Use of artificial lights, including vehicle headlights, to observe, locate, or take wildlife.

Marking trees or vegetation with blazes, flagging, or other marking devices.

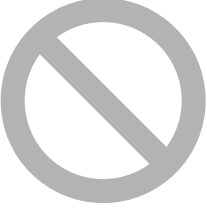
Possession of alcoholic beverages.

Taking of any wildlife (other than deer) and plants.

Leaving a portable stand overnight.

Littering-if you pack it in, pack it out!

The following are prohibited



For more information, call the Refuge Manager at 252/429-3100

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National Wildlife Refuge
P.O. Box 39
Knotts Island, NC 27950
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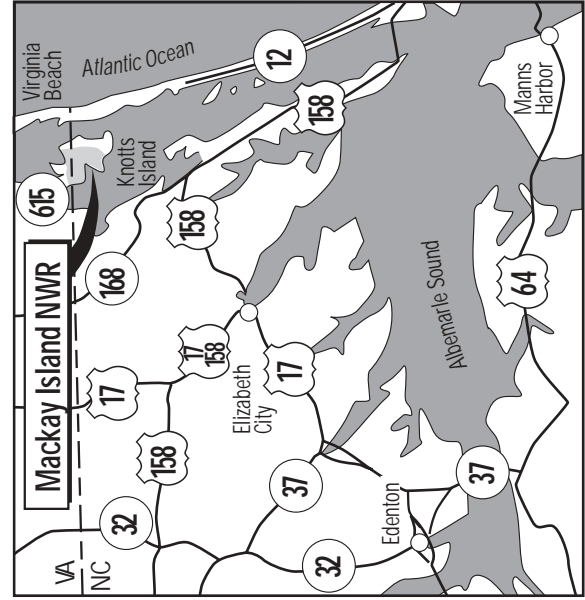
National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Regulations & Permit 2002



Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Permit 2002

I certify that I have read and understand the refuge hunting regulations in this permit.

Signed: _____
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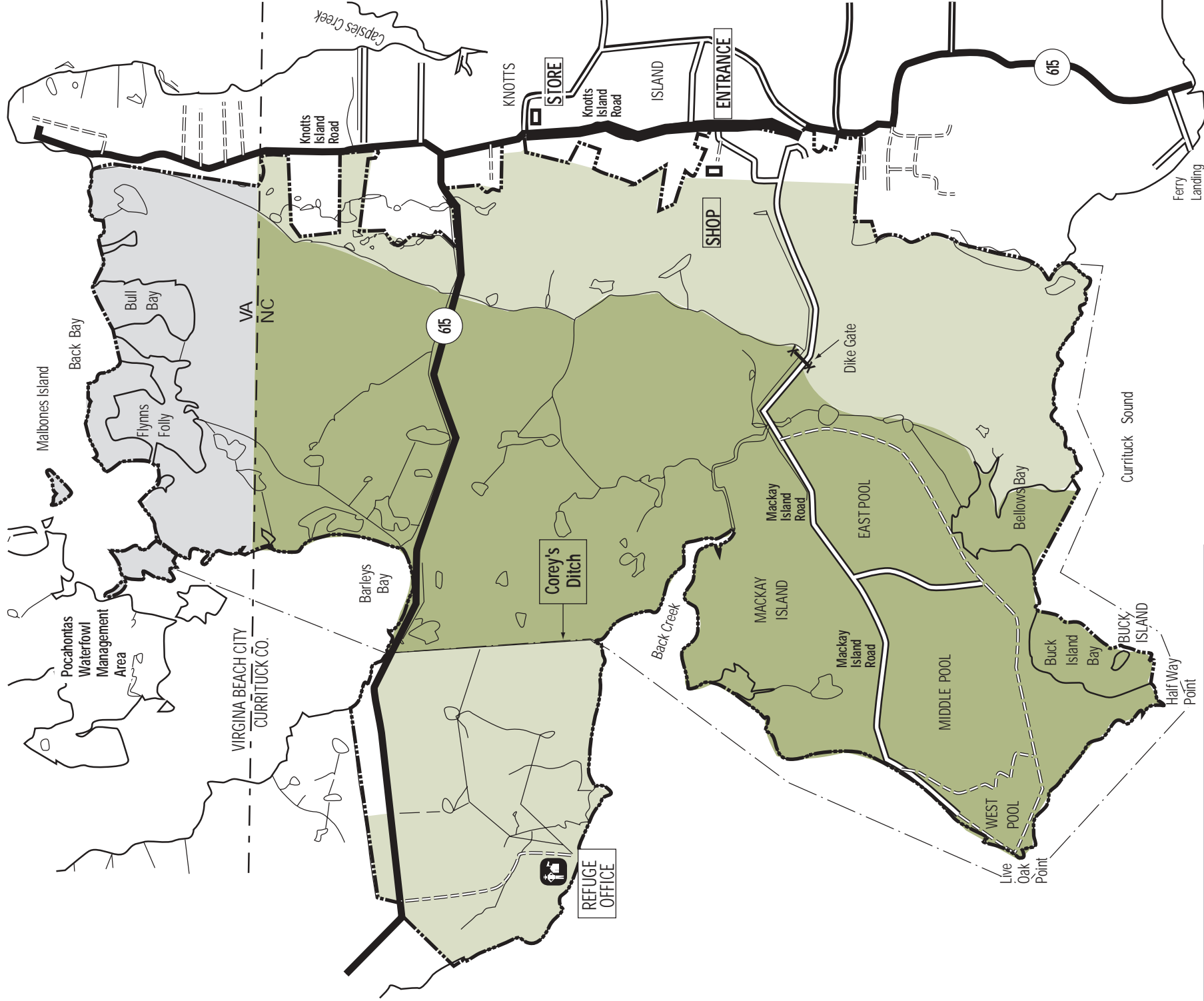
Vicinity Map



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2002 Deer Hunt Map



Legend

- Refuge Boundary
- Open During All Hunts
- Closed During December Hunts Only
- Closed During September and December Hunts
- Closed to Hunting
- Refuge Office

Due to a pending construction project along Mackay Island Road, access to the Mackay Island area may be limited. Please observe all signs and posted notices. Contact the Refuge Headquarters for more information.